



## ***PUBLIC FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN GETS MAJOR BOOST***

A \$1 million pledge from a major U.S. corporation kicked off the Pentagon Memorial Fund Campaign at a Capitol Hill press conference April 22<sup>nd</sup>. The fundraising campaign seeks to raise \$30 million to finance the construction and perpetual maintenance of a memorial park at the Pentagon dedicated to those who lost their lives in the building and aboard Flight 77 on September 11, 2001.

A total of \$17.5 million will be used to build the memorial and the remainder will create a permanent endowment for the memorial's maintenance. As of now, \$2.2 million has been raised.

"We will do well if we can get enough people to go to our new web site and donate and use the 'tell a friend,' service offered there to let as many of their friends and relatives know about the site's location and how easy it is to donate," says Jim Laychak, president of the Pentagon Memorial Fund. The new web site can be found at: <http://www.pentagonmemorial.net>. Donations may also be given by calling toll-free at 1-800-929-4911.

## ***PROJECT TEAM EXAMINES THE MEMORIAL UNITS***

Recently, the Pentagon Memorial design-build team has focused on researching the fabrication and performance criteria for the 184 Memorial Units that comprise the heart of the memorial. Each Memorial Unit is a complex, yet elegantly simple. The performance criteria developed by the team for the Memorial established the need for a metal that would last a hundred years or more, maintain structural integrity, and be compatible with other park materials and the water circulation system.

After extensive research, the team decided to produce the Memorial Units using a super duplex stainless steel alloy with a high pit resistance equivalent. The alloy is used in offshore oil and gas facilities and increasingly in naval applications as it offers high strength and excellent corrosion resistance. Notably, the metal was recently used in the restoration of the Statue of Liberty. While more expensive than aluminum, it is significantly less expensive than titanium and offers a less intensive maintenance regime, a major cost benefit. The alloy meets or exceeds the metal performance criteria established for the specific application of the Pentagon Memorial - a place designed for a lifetime.